

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claim 1 and 3 have been amended.

Claims 1-7 are pending and under consideration.

**OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

In the Office Action, at page 2, the drawings were objected to. In view of the accompanying Replacement Drawings, FIGS. 19-22B have been labeled as "Prior Art." Therefore, the outstanding drawing objections should be resolved.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:**

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U S C § 103 in view of Prior Admitted ("PAAA") and JP 06-259002 to Takumi ("Takumi"). The reasons for the rejection are set forth in the Office Action and therefore not repeated. The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent claim 1 and related dependent claim 3 have been amended to improve clarity and further define the present invention. The Office Action correctly recognized that the PAAA fails to teach or suggest the claimed features of the individual operator setting information collecting unit of independent claim 1. Accordingly, the Office Action relied on Takumi as describing the claimed features of the individual operator setting information collecting unit recited in independent claim 1.

Takumi generally describes an artificial reality system, in particular, a master-slave type remote artificial reality system (paragraph 0014). Further, Takumi describes that a data file type card stores data such as a visual sensation data including distance of eyes, eyesight, and information of whether the operator wears glasses or not. Also, the visual sensation data includes auditory sensation data such as a length of earlobe or earhole, auditory transmission parameter, and auditory capacity, and physical figure data including length between joints of fingers, hand, arm and body, or their sizes (paragraph 0023). However, Takumi fails to teach or suggest, "an individual operator setting information collecting unit which collects individual

operator setting information comprising **operation-internal information** representing a time interval between operations to read the code, **reading-time information** at operations to read the code, and double-read-ban time information at operations to read the code, wherein the operation-interval information, reading-time information, and **double-read-ban time information depend on personal features of operators engaged**," emphasis added, as recited in independent claim 1. Thus, the combination of PAAA and Takumi fails to teach or suggest all the claimed features recited in independent claim 1. The combination of the cited references cannot solve lowering the code reading error rate or increasing the efficiency.

Furthermore, the combination of PAAA and Takumi fails to teach or suggest "a controlling unit which operates the apparatus according to the operation-interval information, reading-time information, and double-read-ban time information within the operation standard," as recited in independent claim 1. Rather, Takumi requires a manual adjustment function and manual adjusted data is stored in a data file type card. See paragraph 0026 of Takumi. Thus, even if Takumi and the PAAA were combined, the combination thereof would not provide for all the claimed features of the presently claimed invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claim 1 and related dependent claims be allowed.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

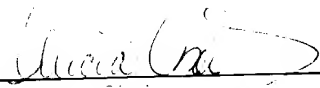
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